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York County Wetlands Board Chesapeake Bay Board P. O. Box 532 Yorktown, VA 23690-0532

Re: Chesapeake Bay Exception 08-114, Mr. & Mrs. Pulliam, 108 Anchor Lane

Dear Board Members:

We have been property owners in York County since 1978. We raised our family here, were active in the school system with our children, volunteered extensively in the community, and more recently moved into our new waterfront home in May 2006.

We oppose approval of the Exception considered today, and further oppose questionable pier & deck structures built originally in the cove & more recently in the RPA & wetlands.

For your consideration regarding the Pulliam's request:

Shortly after purchasing our lot on Anchor Lane., we were contacted by Joe Sisler, York County EDS, and informed that we, as owners, would be accessed 35 bushes due to illegal activity in the wetlands on our property by the Pulliams.

Pulliam's phase 1 pier was required to have a minimum 10' setback following our joint property line. Since it was built with wetlands violations, regulations were not followed. He recently informed us he <u>thinks</u> he is "grandfathered in".

The Pulliams, their family, friends, and other neighbors utilized our property from 2001-2007 as the only access to their waterfront & pier around a natural pond on their lot. (Mr. Pulliam documented this fact on a RPA Buffer Application in Nov. 2006.) Their golf cart was used on our property extensively for years.

Pulliams' phase 2 involved adding a boathouse and a Jet Ski pier (4'x11' on the building permit) & lift. The Jet Ski pier appears to be more of an 11' square.

In 2007, Mr. Pulliam informed us he had permission to fill the RPA in his back yard & fence it with brick columns, wired for lighting on each column. In addition, he would build a Phase 3 continuation of his pier over the pond. That was done as well as an additional approximately 100 square foot deck over the RPA.

This spring, Mr. Pulliam installed another Jet Ski lift, clearly across the property line. He recently approached one of us, stated he knew it was over into our water

rights & has since removed it. However, after also offering to remove part of the Phase 1 decking to give us both the required 10' setback, he has more recently refused, indicating his wife is opposed. The 10' allowance following our joint property line would provide them access to the cove without infringing on our water rights & safety.

The Pulliams told us they intend to install pavers and request a backyard pool, using needs of elderly extended family as an excuse. There have been no elderly living there since we've known them. We've so far never seen elderly "lovers of crabbing & fishing" even visiting his pier, even though his golf cart is regularly on it.

VMRC & Army Corps regulations limit the size of decking associated with private piers to 400 square feet. Pulliams' pier appears to appreciably exceed that, especially with the last 2 phases in 2007. Decking should be removed to conform.

Nov. 2006, Army Corps Regional Permit 17 Certificate of Compliance...the Pulliams clearly declare their compliance with the maximum 5' wide structure over wetland vegetation; however, we understand the pier extension built last year is approximately 6'-6 ½' wide. It should be altered to conform. There is no record of a York County building permit neither for this structure nor for the additional illegal decking over the RPA.

Both we and the other adjacent neighbors have had "Environmentally Sensitive" signs posted on our property for over 2 years. We have to question why, if the RPA is a sensitive area, the Pulliams have been allowed to <u>create</u> a backyard which is feet above its original topography, and now well above adjoining neighbors' topographies, fence it, sod it, irrigate it, regularly have it professionally chemically treated and it seems will eventually light it. What's next...a pool?

We question the Pulliam's history of wetlands violations, exceeding permitted construction, and constructing non-permitted decking. York County denied the request for pavers and suggested mulch. We ask you to also deny their exception request.

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